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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE BERLIN LOCATION FOR GERMAN CULTURAL
FOUNDATION

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1. RESPONDING TO ALLIED QUESTIONS, FRG REP (HENZE)
HAS SUPPLIED MORE INFORMATION ON PROPOSED GERMAN
CULTURAL FOUNDATION (DKS). IN MARCH 3 BONN GROUP
MEETING, HENZE EMPHASIZED THAT QUESTION OF DKS LOCATION
HAD NOT YET EVEN BEEN DISCUSSED IN BUND-LAENDER
DISCUSSIONS. HE SAID THAT ALLIES SHOULD NOT CONSIDER
PRESENT DISCUSSION OF DKS IN BONN GROUP AS CONSULTATIONS
BUT AS "INFORMAL" REQUEST FOR VIEWS "ON PERSONAL BASIS."
RESPONDING TO A QUESTION, HENZE SAID THAT ALLIED VIEWS
WOULD BE FORMALLY SOUGHT BEFORE ANY DECISION WERE TAKEN
WHICH WOULD RESULT IN ESTABLISHMENT OF DKS IN
BERLIN.

2. HENZE CONFIRMED THAT PRESENT FRG BUDGET CONTAINS
DM 12 MILLION FOR A DKS. REGARDING FUNCTIONS OF DKS,
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HENZE SAID HE WOULD TRY TO OBTAIN DRAFT CHARTER FROM FRG

INTERIOR MINISTRY, BUT HE COULD NOW ADD THE FOLLOWING
TO THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON FEB. 17 (REF C):

-- BASIC PURPOSE OF DKS WILL BE TO SUPPORT
ACHIEVEMENTS AND WORKS OF GERMAN CULTURE AND NEW
DEVELOPMENTS AND FORMS IN GERMAN ART.

-- DKS WILL SUPPORT ONLY SPECIFIC PROJECTS (E.G.,
EXHIBITS, FESTIVALS, MEETINGS AND CONGRESSES OF ARTISTS)
AND NOT INSTITUTIONS;

-- DKS WILL HELP PURCHASE WORKS OF GERMAN ART TO
ENSURE THEIR RETENTION IN GERMANY;

-- DKS WILL HELP YOUNG GERMAN ARTISTS TO BECOME
BETTER KNOWN ABROAD; AND

-- DKS WILL BE CHARGED WITH CARING FOR EAST
GERMAN CULTURAL WORKS.

3. COMMENT: HENZE'S REMARKS ABOUT NON-CONSULTATION
NATURE OF PRESENT DISCUSSIONS IN BONN GROUP WERE IN
RESPONSE TO A BRITISH STATEMENT EXPRESSING HOPES THAT
THERE WOULD NOT BE PRESS LEAKS FROM FRG SIDE TO EFFECT
THAT ALLIES OPPOSE LOCATION OF DKS IN BERLIN (UK REP
WAS, OF COURSE, REFERRING TO EVENTS LAST WEEK RE BUNDES-
TAG PRESIDIUM AND COUNCIL OF ELDERS). HENZE ASSURED
REPS OF DISCRETION ON FRG SIDE. HE SAID ONLY A VERY
FEW PEOPLE WITHIN FRG GOVERNMENT KNEW THAT DKS WAS
BEING DISCUSSED IN BONN GROUP. HENZE ALSO REMINDED
UK REP THAT PRESS LEAK DISCUSSED BY BONN GROUP ON
JAN. 26 (PARA 6, REF C) HAD CLEARLY ORIGINATED AT BMG
BERLIN. WE BELIEVE FRG HAS CAST DISCUSSION IN THIS
WAY TO PERMIT THEIR PRESS SPOKESMAN TO ANSWER "NO" IF
ASKED WHETHER THE ALLIES HAVE BEEN CONSULTED ON LOCATION
OF DKS.

4. WE GATHER FROM REF A AND B AND FROM REPORT OF RECENT
CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN HERZ AND DEPARTMENT OFFICERS THAT
INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS (AS OPPOSED TO FORMAL BUND-
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LAENDER CONSULTATIONS) OF LOCATING THE DKS IN BERLIN
ARE RATHER WELL ADVANCED. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT, AS
SOON AS THE LAENDER HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT AMONG
THEMSELVES, THERE WILL BE A LEAK AND CONSEQUENT PRESSURE
UPON THE ALLIES FOR AN IMMEDIATE AND POSITIVE POSITION.
WE HAVE THUS URGED SPEED ON THE FRG REP IN PROVIDING
ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON THE PROPOSED FUNCTIONS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DKS. END CMMENT.

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